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LEACH MURDER CASE ON TRIAL

Killed James Reynolds Near Welling as Latter Was Trying to Rob His Chicken House

The case of E. E. Leach, charged with murder, which was begun in United States court yesterday afternoon, occupied the attention of the court most of today. Leach killed a young man named James Reynolds at his farm near Welling on August 22, 1904. After a preliminary hearing he was discharged. Later, however, he was indicted by the grand jury and arrested.

Leach was defended by W. P. Thompson and S. F. Parks, while the government's case was conducted by O. L. Rider. Considerable difficulty was experienced in securing the attendance of witnesses, and finally an agreement was entered into to admit their sworn testimony.

The most important witness to be heard by deposition was Sam Ryals, who was with Reynolds the night he was killed. Ryals said that he and Reynolds went to Leach's house for the purpose of stealing chickens. This was at about 1 a. m. Leach was aroused by the noise the stock made, and came out with a gun. The two boys started to run thru the brush and Leach fired, the shot taking effect in Reynolds' head, and causing his death.

The government attempted to show that Leach was not justified in shooting to kill, but that he was under the impression that the boys were enemies of his and that he deliberately tried to commit murder. The defense admitted that Leach had had trouble with his first wife's family, and the testimony of Tom Cooley was admitted to the effect that he had complained to Leach treats made by the family against Leach. Leach himself said that he did not know Reynolds and had no animosity against him what-

ever. He had been told that his wife's relatives intended to kill him, and he thought Reynolds and Ryals were trying to carry out the threat. He did not shoot to kill, he said. It was moonlight, but the two boys were over the fence from him and were running thru brush and weeds. He merely shot in the general direction in which they were running, with the expectation of frightening them.

The Van Winkle larceny case, from Afton, which was being tried yesterday, was taken from the jury by Judge Parker on motion of J. Warren Reid, defendant's attorney. The charge of larceny as related to Van Winkle was withdrawn, and the case was resubmitted to the grand jury.

Lawrence Thorbrough, indicted for the carnal knowledge of his little stepdaughter, plead guilty and had his case continued.

Hardy Smith was released under \$2,500 bond. The five cases against W. P. Jacobs, charged with introducing, were dismissed, because of the defendant's death.

William Little plead guilty to fornication and was fined \$50.

The Weather

Chicago, Jan. 26—Temperature 2 below zero this morning.

Kansas City—Eight above zero this morning, the coldest weather of the winter is prevailing today in this city and Topeka, with but little snow.

In southern Missouri, southern Kansas and in Indian and Oklahoma territories the weather is moderating.

LEGISLATION IN NO JIM CROW LAW

The Interest of Railroads and Other Corporations Is Charged

Guthrie, Okla. Jan. 26.—The constitutional convention controlled by the Democrats is with amazing rapidity shaping up legislation in the interest of the railroad trust which owns Oklahoma and Indian Territories. The Rock Island, Santa Fe, Katy and Frisco absolutely predominate among the delegates, and railroad attorney and ex-railroad attorneys have within the past week put thru legislation which gives to them an absolute monopoly of the railroad business in the new state. Under the terms of the railroad laws which will appear in the new statute books, no outside concern will have a ghost of a show in this section.

The railroads were so certain of the convention delegates that, in the words of "Corporation Bob" Williams of the other day, they did not see fit to even send a lobbyist around to call upon the committee of which he is chairman.

It is a notorious fact that there are no lobbyists for either of the four above named railroads in Guthrie at the present time. Thus, an understanding with the member of the convention, many of whom are either railroad attorneys or ex-railroad attorneys, is believed to have been effected by the corporations which have the territories bound and gagged hand and foot.

The introduction and adoption of the two cent railroad fare provision the other day was one stroke in favor of the continuance of the present gigantic railroad monopoly.

It was realized by the promoter of this legislation that the railroads at present doing business in the new state, could well afford to stand the burden of the fare reduction when it was certain that there would be no competition and that no outside capital would meet with sufficient approval to come into the new state.

Following the two cent fare measure came a provision introduced by Henry Asp, providing that the state shall have the power to invite foreign capital thru the issuance of bonds or scrip as a bonus.

Other provisions of the constitution as framed to the present time, fare in accordance with the well defined purpose to prevent the entry of outside capital. The promoters are to be given to understand that there will be "no" doing for them in Oklahoma.

When the Asp provision came up the states seized upon it with avidity, thus indicating that they were right in line with the interests of the corporations who desire to retain their grasp upon the railroad situation in the new commonwealth.

WILL HAVE UP TOWN OFFICE

Agent W. H. Deck was notified today by the general superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph company that the company will establish an up-town office here as soon as quarters can be rented and prepared. This is news that has long been waited for by the people of Vinita, and the change will be welcomed. The commercial and railroad business have been constantly interfering, causing great loss both to the company and to business men.

BANKRUPTCY

In the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory at Claremore. In the matter of Roy S. Liggett, a Bankrupt.

Notice To Creditors

To the Creditors of Roy S. Liggett, of Claremore, in said district, the above named Bankrupt: You are notified that the above named Roy S. Liggett, was duly adjudged a bankrupt within the purview of the bankruptcy law, on the 22nd day of January, 1907. That the first meeting of the Creditors of said bankrupt, will be held before the undersigned at his office in Vinita, Indian Territory, on the 7th day of February, 1907, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time a Trustee will be appointed, the Bankrupt will be examined and such other business will be transacted as may properly come before said meeting. Creditors will see that claims are proved as required by law.

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De finite Announcement to this Effect Made by Murray

Guthrie, Okla. Jan. 26.—"We are going to cut the 'Jim Crow' law out of the constitution, and the members of the executive committee can go to hell."

This was the statement made by "Alfalfa Bill" Murray to William Alexander, the Democratic executive committeeman in the lobby of the Royal hotel last night. For a time it looked as if serious trouble might ensue over an argument on the "Jim-Crow" question. Alexander was endeavoring to induce Murray to redeem his pledges when the outbreak occurred.

It is now more evident than ever that there will be no "Jim Crow" legislation attempted by the constitutional convention.

The serious split in the Democratic party has been the result of a purpose on the part of the "Railroad" Haskell, "Corporation Bob" Williams and the "Alfalfa Bill" to keep all mention of this subject entirely out of the constitution.

He Couldn't Tell.

"What do you consider the six best books of the year, Mr. Ego?" asked the young woman.

"Well—er—really," replied Mr. Ego, the novelist, "I've written two books this year, you know."

He Does.

"What looks more ridiculous than a peck-a-boo waltz?"

"Well, a man in white canvas shoes, passionate socks and turned-up trousers, smoking a cigarette, crowds it mighty close."—Houston Post.

GILLESPIE WILL BE HERE TUESDAY

Promoter of Arkansas & Oklahoma North- western Will Open Negotiations With Citizens of Vinita

The Vinita railroad committee has been notified that J. E. Gillespie, promoter of the Arkansas & Oklahoma Northwestern railroad, will be in Vinita Tuesday for the purpose of meeting with the committee and seeing what arrangements can be entered into for building the road to Vinita.

Mr. Gillespie states that the work of surveying the road has been seriously interfered with by the bad weather of the past few weeks, but that surveying corps is now again in the field and working towards Vinita. The surveys were held up for three days

because of the high water in the Verdigris, but they are now east of the river and will probably be in Vinita some time next week. Considering the weather, they are making good time.

The Arkansas & Oklahoma Northwestern was incorporated to build from Caney, Kan., to Fayetteville, Ark., passing thru Chelsea and Adair. The first survey, however, is to be built thru Vinita instead of thru these smaller towns, and the road will come to this place if suitable arrangements can be made.

HASKELL IS BACKING UP

Guthrie, Okla. Jan. 27.—Jim Crow clauses will be passed up to Roosevelt for final decision, if the resolution introduced by C. N. Haskell, this morning is adopted.

It recites that people of Oklahoma, are desirous of incorporating Jim Crow clauses in the constitution but a story has reached Oklahoma that President Roosevelt, will turn down the constitution should it contain such provisions, and asks that if not in conflict with his ideas of official conduct, he give an expression on the matter before the convention acts.

The majority report of the liquor traffic committee provides for a submission of the liquor question to the vote of the people of the entire state at the time the constitution is voted upon, practically insuring state wide prohibition.

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